

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID
GAS INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY PLAN - DOCKET NO. 5099
ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY & RELIABILITY PLAN – DOCKET NO. 5098**

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL SESSION

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § § 39-1-1 and 42-46-6, as amended, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will conduct a Technical Session on **Friday, February 26, 2021 @ 9:30 A.M.** in Hearing Room A at the PUC's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, R.I. The hearing will be streamed live at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid (Company) Plan submits annual Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) Plans for its gas and electric operations. The ISR Plans submitted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-27.7.1, provides for an annual infrastructure, safety and reliability spending plan for each fiscal year and an annual rate reconciliation mechanism that includes a reconcilable allowance for the anticipated capital investments and other spending pursuant to an annual pre-approved budget. The ISR Plans set forth proposals that the Company has identified as necessary to enhance the safety and reliability of its natural gas and electric distribution system for customers at reasonable cost. The Company submitted the FY 2022 Electric ISR Plan and FY 2022 Gas ISR Plan on December 18, 2020 and December 21, 2020, respectively.

The Company's Gas ISR Plan for FY 2022 proposes capital spending that would account for additional revenues of \$16,764,250 that will be collected through implementation of gas ISR factors for the effect April 1, 2021. To an average residential heating customer using 845 therms annually, the rate impact will result in an annual increase of \$49.12, or 3.7%. The Company's Electric ISR Plan for FY 2022 proposes capital spending that would account for additional revenues of \$8,501,929 that will be collected through implementation of electric ISR factors effective April 1, 2021. To a residential customer receiving Last Resort Service and using 500 kWh per month, the rate impact would result in a monthly bill increase of \$1.12, or 0.9%.

At this Technical Session, the PUC will review and question National Grid regarding ratemaking issues associated with the inconsistent methods that the Company is using to calculate the revenue requirements for the Gas ISR and the Electric ISR.

The Company's proposals are available for examination at the PUC's office. The proposals can also be accessed on the PUC's website at <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov>, Docket Menu, Docket No. 5098 and Docket No. 5099. Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
February 18, 2021